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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION

Greetings:

This is submitted in timely response to the second, non-final Office Action mailed on February 7, 2005, wherein the examiner:

1. Objected to informalities in Claim 1.
2. Rejected Claims 1 and 5-7 as unpatentable under Section 103(a) over Bremer et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,713,533, in view of Wiklund et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,313,409.
3. Indicated that Claims 2 and 4 would be allowable if they are rewritten to overcome the claim objection, and to be independent of a rejected base claim.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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